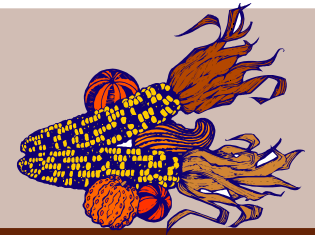


# ResourceReport



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The Friends of Retzer Nature Center, a private support group of the Nature Center, announced the group's newest fundraising campaign during Apple Harvest Festival on September 22, 2001. Dick Nawrocki, President of the Friends, announced that they would raise \$300,000 (approximately one third of the project cost) for the new learning center expansion project. The Friends of Retzer are seeking financial support through a community capital campaign.

The learning center addition will add 5,000 square feet to the existing nature center building. This will provide additional space for students, families, and individuals to learn about conservation and stewardship of our land through new exhibits, classes, and programs. Construction is planned to start in 2003. If you are interested in learning more about the project or to invest in this worthy community partnership, please contact Retzer Nature Center at 262-896-8007 or write Friends of Retzer Nature Center, W284 S1530 Road DT, Waukesha, WI 53188.

Retzer Nature Center recently received more good news. Waukesha County Parks was able to negotiate the purchase of the adjacent 68 acres Owen Williams' property. Larry Kascht, supervisor for Retzer Nature Center, said, the acquisition was imperative to our future programs and our future growth. The property abuts the current nature center lands and expands the boundary to the east. (See map on page 8.) The property placement is key to connecting the acreage that is currently a part of the nature center.

In other park news, Mike Duffy, the Park Foreman of Naga-Waukee Park received the Employee of Distinction Award on the morning of October 3, 2001. Mike was nominated by Debbie Rapp of

## "Come Grow With Us!"

By: Mona Bauer, Parks Program Specialist



*The New Learning Center Expansion Project*

(SEE MAP ON BACK)

*Learning center addition will add 5,000 square feet to existing building*

Human Services for his wonderful customer service skills when planning and implementing the annual Waukesha County Picnic at Naga-Waukee Park. Congratulations Mike on a job well done!

Other projects that are being worked on by the park staff include the improvement of Muskego Park. The plan is to improve the current road system throughout the park that includes the addition of culverts to help with drainage and the removal of hazardous on-road parking, as the roads are being repaved. The project started on October 1<sup>st</sup> and will conclude in the Spring of 2002. As part of the project, additional parking lots will be added to park pavilion area #4, both group and family camping areas, and adding a new shelter to picnic area #5. The construction project will result in some areas being temporarily closed to the public. The group and family camping areas are closed for the season. If you have any questions about this construction project, please call Linda at 262-548-7801. We apologize for any inconvenience this current project may cause.